

## **Sidney Sussex College**

The Minutes of the

### **GOVERNING BODY**

Held via Zoom on  
Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

#### **Senior Members Present**

Master, Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, Bursar,  
Dr Aubry, Ms Baskerville, Prof Biagini, Dr Bordin, Dr Carter, Dr Crossan, Prof  
Eistrup Sangiovanni, Prof Flewitt, Dr Fulda, Dr Ganany, Dr Garcia-Mayoral, The  
Rev'd Dr Gray, Prof Greer, Dr Groom, Prof Neely, Dr Oner, Dr Ranasinghe, Prof  
Reynolds, Dr Roberts, Dr Scalliet, Prof Sepulchre, Dr Stasch, Dr Strelchuk, Dr  
Sumnall, Dr Theil, Dr Wilson-Lee.

#### **Student Members Present**

Ms Dadiya; Mr Lu; Ms Mahmood.

#### **Also present**

Ms Harkin (College Registrar, as Council Secretary).

### **UNRESERVED BUSINESS**

#### **1. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

##### **1.1 Apologies for absence**

Dr Groisman, Dr Flynn, Dr Muschitiello, Dr Schneider, Ms Kazani

##### **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

##### **1.3. Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

##### **1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the unreserved business of the Audit Meeting of the Governing Body on 10 November 2021**

(GB.220223.1.4)

The minutes were confirmed.

Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda  
None

## **2. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

### **2.1 Master's Business**

There was no business.

### **2.2 Senior Tutor's Business**

#### **a) Interim Academic and Pastoral Arrangements**

The Senior Tutor drew Governing Body's attention to several key points in terms of interim academic and pastoral arrangements:

- The need to ensure that 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students are aware of any change to exam format, and to provide support for progress tests.
- To recognise that knowledge gaps have developed in applicants and Freshers as a result of COVID and that mitigating action was being implemented in terms of workshops in specific subjects as well as general revision.
- To note that in terms of pastoral support, although the Head of Student Wellbeing and the Nurse had been on sick leave, mitigating action had been taken in terms of securing full-time commitment from the interim nurse. In addition, the Head of Student Wellbeing was now back on a phased return to work and due to the nurse taking on individual clinical appointments, she was able to focus on more of developmental objectives of her brief.

### **2.3 Bursar's Business**

#### **a) COVID operational update**

The Bursar outlined the trend of COVID cases reported to the College this term, explaining that there had been a peak at the end of January but this had now tailed off. She outlined the impact of the Government's announcement this week, including the cessation of bulk supplies of lateral flow tests to the College. College members could still take advantage of the free test kits available from the NHS until the 1 April, and symptomatic testing was still available from the University. Having discussed the situation at the Operations Working Group, the responsibility of the College was now primarily one of a duty of care to the College community. Members and visitors would be strongly encouraged to take tests before coming into college for internal events. Face coverings would continue to be strongly encouraged in crowded areas – e.g. porters lodge, the servery and the library, with an extra 'safe' space marked out in the library. Where individual meetings are concerned, it will continue to be necessary for the whole group to be comfortable with arrangements used. College members need to be mindful to the potential transmission to others if they choose to come into college with symptoms.

### **2.4 Steward's Business**

There was no business.

## 2.5 Student Business

There was no business.

## 3. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 3.1 College Council

- a) Unreserved Minutes of the meeting 10 November 2021  
(GB.220223.3.1a)

Council **noted** the minutes.

- b) Unreserved Minutes of the meeting 1 December 2021  
(GB.220223.3.1b)

Council **noted** the minutes.

- c) Unreserved Minutes of the meeting 26 January 2022 (unconfirmed)  
(GB.220223.3.1c)

Council **noted** the minutes.

### 3.2 Statutes & Ordinances Committee

- a) \*Minutes of the meeting of 1 February 2022  
(GB.220223.3.2a)

Council **noted** the minutes.

- (i) \*\* Membership of Education & Pastoral Committee – proposed  
amendment to Ordinance A, VII, 2c  
(GB.220223.3.2ai)

Council **approved** the proposed amendment.

## 4. OTHER BUSINESS

### 4.1 Any other business

None

### 4.2 Date of Next Meeting

Friday 29 April 2022 at 19.00 (Admission New Fellows)

Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 14.00 (Main meeting)